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SUBJECT: REPORT OF TENG HSIAO-PING VISIT TO FRANCE

REF: PEKING 1729

1. FRENCH EMBASSY WAS PERHAPS ALSO SOURCE OF AFP OCTOBER 3 DISPATCH FROM PEKING REPORTING "OBSERVERS IN THE CHINESE CAPITAL" AS SAYING THAT IT WOULD BE TENG HSIAO-PING WHO WOULD VISIT FRANCE ABOUT NEXT SPRING (REFTEL). ARTICLE NOTED CHOU EN-LAI'S HEALTH WOULD PREVENT HIS MAKING FOREIGN VISITS, AND IT WOULD "BE LOGICAL" FOR TENG TO SUBSTITUTE. REPORT CITED FACT TENG HAD COME TO FRANCE IN 1920 AT AGE 16 AND HAD SPENT FIVE YEARS. REPORT ALSO CITED ESCALATION IN FRENCH VISITS TO CHINA: BETTENCOURT, SCHUMANN, POMPIDOU; AND IN CHINESE VISITS TO FRANCE: PAI HSIANG-KNO AND CHI PENG-FEI. PATTERN SUGGESTS MOST LIKELY CANDIDATE IS THEREFORE TENG, ACCORDING TO "OBSERVERS."

2. QUAI DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR ASIA, DUZER, SAID THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO OFFICIAL CLARIFICATION OF GISCARD'S STATEMENT THAT THERE WOULD BE AN EXCHANGE OF PERSONALITIES WITH THE PRC. DUZER NOTED THAT SINCE THE

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LAST VISIT HAD BEEN POMPIDOU'S TO CHINA, THE BALL WAS

IN PEKING'S COURT. IT WOULD BE "LOGICAL" THAT TENG
WOULD BE THE PRC VISITOR, BUT THERE WAS NO CONFIRMATION
OF THE PERSONALITY NOR THE TIMING OF THE FIRST VISIT
IN THE "EXCHANGE."
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